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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : We have to get the data from the hydro-metric surveys and only after that, the priority will have to be fixed.

Tamil as State language.

* 2871 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are contemplating to make Tamil the State language for administrative purposes; and

(*b*) if so, what steps are being taken to adopt Tamil as State language?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Tamil medium in colleges.

* 2872 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Education Minister has convened a conference of officials of Educational Institutions and Universities and other non-officials to consider the question of adoption of Tamil as medium of instruction in schools and colleges;

(*b*) the findings and the recommendations of that conference;

(*c*) whether the Government propose to implement the recommendations of the conference; and

(*d*) whether any of the Members of the Legislature were invited to take part in that conference?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) It was generally agreed at the conference that active steps should be taken towards introducing the regional language as the medium of instruction in the colleges.

(*c*) Steps have been taken to implement the recommendations of the Conference.

(*d*) Some members of the Legislature interested in the question were invited to participate in the Conference.

* 2873 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have appointed recently a Committee to codify scientific and technical terms in regional languages?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The Government have appointed a Committee to consider the steps to be taken in the matter of introducing the regional language as the medium of instruction in colleges. The same Committee has been requested

to suggest ways and means by which a scientific glossary of technical terms, scientific and otherwise, may be prepared for adoption in the regional language.

Tamil medium in colleges.

* 2874 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the recommendations of the conference of Educationists and other interested people held on 18th June 1955; and

(*b*) what is the decision of Government thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) It was generally agreed at the conference that active steps should be taken towards introducing the regional language as the medium of instruction in colleges.

(*b*) The Government have constituted a Committee composed of experienced Educationists and Experts in the several subjects to consider the further steps to be taken in the matter.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is it because of the composite nature of our State? If so, will the Government think about the feasibility of adopting Tamil as the language for administrative purposes after the implementation of the States Reorganization Commission's Report?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : It will be considered at the proper time.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : May I know which is the proper time?

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am on my legs. Is it a fact that the administration in Tiruchirappalli district is being carried on in Tamil as an experimental measure for some years past and if so, how is it consistent that many of the Heads of Departments in the Tiruchirappalli district are non-Tamilians?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : That was the reason why the experiment was not making any progress. Now we are posting Tamilian officers there to be in charge of the various Departments.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, what are the conclusions that have been arrived at in the recent Conference so as to introduce Tamil as the medium of instruction in the colleges? Who are the Members of the Legislature who were invited to this Conference and what are their special qualifications? On what basis were they invited to the Conference at the expense of others who are also equally interested in the matter? (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, the general conclusion reached in the Conference was that it should be possible to adopt the regional language as the medium of instruction in the